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Title: AUTOMATIC 3D PLANE ROTATION

Search criteria:

Ultrasound Imaging.

In an "auto-rotate" mode of the Matrix probe, the US system steps the rotation angle of the plane image through a preselected series. The rotation axis can be chosen, per elevation tilt, lateral tilt, axial rotation. Also the angle range, step speed, frames per step, ECG triggering can be selected. The resulting set of images is recorded.

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US-6503199 B1	Steered beams (electronically and mechanically) nonuniformly spread in space, to create 2D slices for a 3D volumetric display; abstract. (PHUS-090151)
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US-6471653 B1	Invasive probe with motor rotatable transducer; summary.
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